

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 3, 4, 7-14, 23 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 19, 25 and 26 are withdrawn from further consideration.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 15 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Quattropani *et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0072816; hereafter "*Quattropani*").

Claims 19, 25 and 26 are herein cancelled as being non-elected. Applicants expressly reserve a right to pursue the subjects matter of these claims in a divisional application(s).

Claims 2, 5, 6 and 22 are herein cancelled without prejudice to solely accelerate the prosecution of the case.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-14 and 20 are herein amended. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-15, 20, 23 and 24 are pending in the case.

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 4, 7-14, 23 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1, from which claims 3, 4, 7-14, 23 and 24 are dependent, is herein amended to delete certain choices of substituent for "A", and Applicants believe claim 1 is now in condition for allowance (*see infra*). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to claims 3, 4, 7-14, 23 and 24 be withdrawn

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as referring to the specification.

Claim 22 is herein cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 15 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Quattropani*.

Specifically, the Office Action refers to the second formula shown at page 71 of *Quattropani*.

Claims 2, 5 and 6 are herein cancelled without prejudice to solely accelerate the prosecution of the case. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 2, 5 and 6 are now moot. Applicants expressly reserve a right to pursue the subjects matter of the cancelled claims in a continuation application(s).

Claim 1 is herein amended to delete certain choices of substituent for "A" to solely accelerate the prosecution of the case. Applicants expressly reserve a right to pursue the cancelled subjects matter of claim 1 in a continuation application(s). Claim 1 as amended is not obvious over *Quattropani*.

Thus, claims 15 and 20 that are directly and indirectly dependent from claim 1, respectively, are not obvious over *Quattropani* either. Claim 20 is herein amended for editorial purposes.

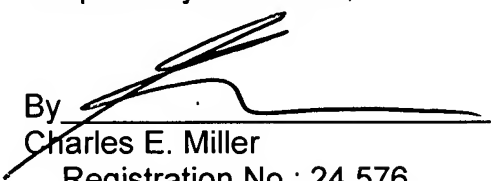
Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1, 15 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Quattropani* should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe all the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, an early notification of which is earnestly requested.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should there be any deficiency in fees, please charge such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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